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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VISIT OF CSIKOS-NAGY TO US

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1. AMBASSADOR HAS SUGGESTED TO FONTRADE MINISTER BIRO POSSIBILITY DINNER AFTER HIS RETURN. IF THIS MATERIALIZES INTENDS TO INVITE CSIKOS-NAGY AND WILL INQUIRE ABOUT HIS PLANS TO VISIT U.S. PER REFTELS.

2. INQUIRY AFTER BIRO VISIT WOULD IN ANY CASE BE BETTER TIMING THAN RIGHT NOW. IN REFTEL C WE RECOMMENDED BOTH CSIKOS-NAGY VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND A SECY BUTZ VISIT TO HUNGARY. WE STILL BELIEVE BOTH WOULD BE USEFUL AND DEPUTY FONMIN NAGY RECALLED LAST WEEK THAT INVITATION TO BUTZ WAS STILL PENDING. SERIATIM IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH VISITS, HOWEVER, WOULD GIVE US MAXIMUM ADVANTAGE. INQUIRY ABOUT CSIKOS-NAGY AFTER BIRO RETURN RATHER THAN BEFORE WOULD THEREFORE BE MOST TIMELY.

3. WE ALSO WISH TO RECALL AGAIN THAT AN APPEARANCE OF UNUSUAL ATTENTION TO CSIKOS-NAGY COULD BE DELETERIOUS TO OUR LONG RUN INTERESTS. HE IS A NON-PARTY MEMBER OF MARKED LIBERAL TENDENCIES. HE RECENTLY REMARKED TO ANOTHER WESTERN AMBASSADOR THAT NYERS' DEPARTURE FROM SCENE ACTUALLY WAS HELPFUL IN PURSUIT OF PRESENT ECONOMIC POLICY. NOTED NYERS HAD BEEN A SOCIAL DEMOCRAT
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AND THE PARTY STALWARTS DID NOT REALLY TRUST HIM. NOW

IT WAS EASIER TO GET GOOD DECISIONS. POINT HERE IS THAT CSIKOS-NAGY HAS SIMILAR BACKGROUND AND STANCE AND IS SIMILARLY VULNERABLE. HENCE NEED TO MAKE ANY INQUIRY TO HIM ABOUT TRAVEL TO U.S. INFORMAL AND TENTATIVE.

4. IF HE SHOULD BE ABLE TO COME, U.S. ECONOMIC OFFICIALS WILL FIND HIM AS CAPABLE AND AS INTERESTING AS NATIONAL BANK VICE PRESIDENT FEKETE.
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